WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A computer-implemented method for generating a risk assessment of a builder, the method comprising:

providing a database that comprises a master set of questions and inspection checkpoints for use in assessing builder risk;

obtaining input about a builder and about projects associated with the builder; using the input about the builder and the projects to select from the database a subset of questions to present to the builder, and a subset of inspection checkpoints to use to inspect one or more construction projects of the builder;

receiving responses to the subsets of questions from the builder, and storing said responses within computer storage;

recording within computer storage results of the subset of inspection checkpoints as applied to one or more construction projects of the builder; and

using at least the responses to the subsets of questions and the results of the subset of inspection checkpoints to generate a risk assessment score of the builder.

- 2. The computer-implemented method of Claim 1, wherein the input about the projects comprises information about a geographical location of the projects.
- 3. The computer-implemented method of Claim 1, wherein the input about the projects comprises information about construction methods and materials planned for the projects.
- 4. The computer-implemented method of Claim 1, wherein the input about the projects comprises information regarding at least one of the set consisting of: types of the projects, sizes of the projects, geographical location of the projects, construction methods and materials planned for the projects, and special features of the projects.
- 5. The computer-implemented method of Claim 1, further comprising reporting the builder's risk assessment score.
- 6. The computer-implemented method of Claim 5, wherein using the input to select a subset of questions and inspection checkpoints comprises selecting questions and inspection checkpoints for assessing component factors, the component factors comprising at least one of the set consisting of: design issues, communications systems, builder knowledge,

construction practices, customer service, data tracking, prior and active claims, legal contracts and insurance, and safety programs.

- 7. The computer-implemented method of Claim 6, wherein reporting the builder's risk assessment score further comprises reporting scores for the component factors that influence the builder risk assessment.
- 8. The computer-implemented method of Claim 6, further comprising calculating the risk assessment score as a weighted combination of the scores for the component factors.
 - 9. A system for determining a builder risk assessment score, comprising:
 - a user interface for user entry of data regarding a builder and building projects associated with the builder;
 - a database comprising a master set of questions and inspection checkpoints for conducting builder risk assessments;
 - a first component configured to receive from the user interface the data regarding the builder and the builder's projects and to select from the database a subset of questions to present to the builder, and a subset of inspection checkpoints to use to inspect construction the builder; and
 - a second component that calculates a risk assessment score for the builder based at least in part on builder responses to the subset of questions and results of the subset of inspection checkpoints.
- 10. The system of Claim 9, wherein the database further comprises at least one of the set consisting of: information about proper construction practices associated with the checkpoints, historical information about costs associated with repairing construction faults, associated with the checkpoints, information about a statistical frequency of liability claims regarding the checkpoints; and a measure of relevance of proper construction technique for the checkpoints to a risk assessment for projects of various types and various geographical locations.
- 11. The system of Claim 9, wherein the database further comprises questions for assessing the builder regarding at least one of the set consisting of: design issues, communications systems, builder knowledge, customer service, data tracking practices, prior

and active claims history, insurance and other legal documents, and safety programs implemented.

- 12. The system of Claim 9, wherein the first component is further configured to select the subset of questions and inspection checkpoints based at least in part on the input data.
- 13. The system of Claim 12, wherein the first component is further configured to select the subset of questions and inspection checkpoints based at least in part on a set of customization rules.
 - 14. A method for performing a builder assessment, comprising:

receiving information about a builder and about projects associated with the builder;

obtaining additional information about the builder and about at least one of the builder's projects, wherein the additional information comprises results from a physical inspection of the builder's project and information about design aspects of the project and the builder's communications and customer service systems; and

determining a builder assessment score, based at least in part on the obtained information.

- 15. The method of Claim 14, further comprising determining for the builder at least one of the set consisting of: a risk assessment grade, a risk assessment category, and a risk assessment tier-level.
- 16. The method of Claim 14, wherein determining a builder assessment score comprises assigning a numeric score to a plurality of factors associated with builder quality.
- 17. The method of Claim 14, further comprising obtaining information from more than one project of the builder to determine a sample of the builder's operations.